THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is not a new disease that has suddenly appeared in this place. If the hon. Member gives notice of a short notice question, I shall answer it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In view of the Minister's reply, I hope the hon. Member is not pressing his adjournment motion. Even if he presses it, he knows what the fate of it will be."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the assurance given by the Hon. Minister, I am not pressing my adjournment motion."

(2) ALLEGED BEATING BY THE SRIVAIKUNTAM POLICE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. Ramalingam has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

'This House stands adjourned to consider a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the action of the Srivaikuntam Police who have beaten severely in Srivaikuntam police lock-up five executive members of the Ponnemkurichi Kisan Sabha in Srivaikuntam taluk on 12th of May 1954.'"

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, மே மாதம் 12-ம் தேதி 1954-ம்ஞூ்த்தில் ஸ்ரீவைகுண்டம் போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷனைச் சேர்ந்த சப்-இன்ஸ்பெக்டரும், ஹெட் கான்ஸ்டேபிலும், அதே தாலூகாவைச் சேர்ந்த பொன்னிக்குறிச்சி கிசான் சங்கத்தைச் சேர்ந்த செயர்க்குழு அங்கத்தினர்களை யும், மற்ற சங்க அங்கத்தினர்களையும் ஆக மொத்தம் 24 பேர்களை lock-up-பில் தள்ளி அடித்துள்ளார்கள். குறிப்பாக விவசாயிகள் கிளர்ச்சி செய்யக்கூடும் என்ற காரணத்தினால், இவர்களை lock-up-பில் தள்ளி அடித்திருக்கிறார்கள். போலீஸ்காரர்கள விவசாயிகளை இந்த ஜனநாயக ஆட்சியில் இவ்விதமாக பயமுறுத்தி அடிப்பது நியாயமா என்று கேட்கிறேன். இதைப்பற்றி விவாதிப்பதற்குத்தான் இந்த Adjournment motion-ன் கோரிக்கை."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not aware of the circumstances in regard to the present question. I think even the hon. Gentleman is acting on the strength of a telegram he has received. I would request him to put a short notice question. I shall call for a report from the concerned authorities and then, if necessary, we can consider this question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In view of this, the hon. Member need not press his motion.

" To-day is a non-official day. We have received notice of a large number of resolutions. One supplementary agenda has also been placed before the House to-day."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it has been represented to me that the resolution in the supplemental agenda should be given precedence in view of the importance of the subject.

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As far as the Government are concerned, they have no objection to this matter being discussed. In view of the representations made to me, under rule 22 (3) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I move—

*' That the resolution in the supplemental agenda relating to Indians in Ceylon be taken up first.' "*

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the resolution in the supplemental agenda relating to Indians in Ceylon be taken up first.' "

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

**Resolution.**

CONDITION OF CEYLON NATIONALS OF INDIAN ORIGIN.

MR. SPEAKER :—" How many hours should I allot for this debate? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Three hours, Sir."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

*' That this House requests the Government to convey to the Government of India its grave concern at the growing deterioration of the conditions of Ceylcn Nationals of Indian origin after the signing of the Indo-Ceylon agreement and to take necessary steps to arrest the worsening situation and to improve the lot of such Ceylon Nationals of Indian origin.' "*

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I second the motion, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That this House requests the Government to convey to the Government of India its grave concern at the growing deterioration of the conditions of Ceylon Nationals of Indian origin after the signing of the Indo-Ceylon agreement and to take necessary steps to arrest the worsening situation and to improve the lot of such Ceylon Nationals of Indian origin.'

" The Hon. Minister will reply to the debate at about 12 noon."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இதைப் பற்றி இன்று பூராவும் விவாதிக்கலாமென்று நினைக்கிறேன் ! "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we have already agreed that the one-hour discussion on Homœopathy should start at 12 noon."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are not going to take it up to-day. The debate has been postponed to some other day. The House will be informed later about the exact date and time of the debate."

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, since this resolution has been added as a supplemental resolution, permission may be given to give notice of amendments to this resolution."

MR. SPEAKER :—" **Within 15 minutes the hon. Members can send in amendments.**"